

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 and 8-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 16-20 have been cancelled. The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing each every feature of the claims. Specifically, dependent claims 18 and 19 refer to positive displacement piston units having pistons arranged in axial configuration and bent axis configuration wherein the figures do not support such configurations. These claims have been cancelled and as a result applicant asserts that the drawing objection has been rendered moot. Claims 16-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nippert (US Publication No. 2003/0110935) in view of Wassell (US Publication No. 2002/0011358). Though applicant disagrees with the rejection claims 16-20 have been cancelled and applicant considers the rejection rendered moot. Claims 1-15 were considered allowable subject matter and as a result of the above amendments only these allowed claims remain pending in the application. Additionally, all outstanding issues have been resolved. As a result applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance be provided.

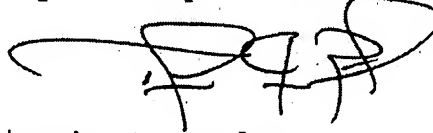
CONCLUSION

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200.

All fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this response are attached hereto; however,

consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted,  
and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,

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